

R317-4 Stakeholder Workgroup

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

January 9, 2013 (5th meeting)

Workgroup Members Present/ Representing:

Name/ Representing:

Walt Baker, Director, Water Quality Division

Leah Ann Lamb, Asst. Director, Water Quality Division

Ed Macauley, Program Supervisor, Water Quality Division

David Snyder, DWQ Onsite Program, Water Quality Division

Tracy Richardson, Chairman, LHD Rules Revision Work Group

Brian Cowan, LHD Rules Revision Work Group Member

Jeremy Roberts, LHD Rules Revision Work Group Member

Judy Sims, Educator

Richard Jex, Supplier

Ben Witt, Installer

Brent Ovard Utah Onsite Wastewater Association (UOWA)

Taz Biesinger, Utah Home Builders Assoc.

Jesse Lassley, Developer

Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau

Terral Dunn, Rural Water Association

Josh Greer, Bear River Health Department (on phone)

Scott Hacking, DEQ District Engineer (on phone)

Darrin Brown, Tri-County Health Department (on phone)

Summary by Agenda Item

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Review of Last Meeting & Summary (asked for corrections/comments).** No corrections to Summary notes offered. Leah Ann Lamb, explained that major decisions (from last meeting) were still being reviewed by Walt and no final decision has been made. Tracy Richardson offered a brief survey he conducted with questions/ inquiries from other local health departments and their responses- Just the topics were given, no responses offered during this meeting. <Note: this survey will be posted on the DWQ web site under this Stakeholder section>. This survey consisted of the following (and was given the nickname "the Big Eight"):
 - a. Expanding variance to cover entire rule
 - b. Alternative Systems- give all counties administrative authority. Those counties not wanting program, could 'opt out' by local ordinance.
 - c. Roles & responsibilities of LHD's staff. Concern of counties that design, perform soils and percolation test, and give final inspections on their work.
 - d. Soils evaluation vs percolation tests
 - e. Fast soils- approve with conditions
 - f. Pressurized drainfield- should it still be considered an Alternative System
 - g. Opinions on: Risers above the distribution box; On pump systems- sizing the reserve capacity; inlet in groundwater allowed?
 - h. Specific appeals/ adjudicative process for wastewater issues.
2. **Continuation of Review of submitted written comments and strike-outs of the draft rules** (as chairperson of the Rules Revision Work Group, Tracy Richardson presented the

following reviews- **starting with Richard Jex-** Richard Jex, opted to just review his major issues from his list of over 120 comment, and identified these to the group for discussion:

- a. Sand Filter sand media, specs. Status: will be sent back to the Work Group to consider keeping existing language and loading as an option besides the new C33 sand and loading draft rule.
- b. Malfunctioning system- new language was added to draft rule was satisfactory.
- c. Two sources of power supply for pump systems- language added to give other solution to rule- this change was agreed to.
- d. Float drawdown- language change from 2" to 3"- satisfactory to group.
- e. Drainfield under driveway- language changed to 'perforated pipe' satisfied group.
- f. Appendix A- standards for fiberglass approval requested. Under review by DWQ engineering section.
- g. Appendix A- 72" maximum tank depth of tanks- request change to other considerations. Richard Jex, will provide new language to DWQ to consider.

. Kate Johnson's (Division of Drinking Water Section) comments reviewed:

- a) Work group felt existing draft language was satisfactory, and no need to accept DDW's language. Lots of discussion followed regarding the confusion of DDW's position regarding allowing treated effluent systems (packed bed systems) in zone 2 aquifers to be considered as a controlled pollution system. DWQ management will meet with DDW to clarify position, and bring information back to the group. Status: No change to draft rule needed.

Steve Bigg's (Pumper) comments reviewed:

- a. Pumpers should be certified. Status: Group agreement that training should be available to pumpers, but certification is not under this rule, R317-11 covers certification. Legislative action needs to occur to broaden certification of this discipline.
- b. Point of Sale inspection- should be required and added to rule. Status: Agreement that this issued needs discussion, but will not be injected in this rule draft as it really is an issue the legislature should address. Save for future consideration or amendment in future.
- c. Appendix E Part C- measuring scum thickness with instructions when to pump the tank. Status: Appendix items are guidelines only. Difficulty with measurements as stated in current draft or new measurements in Steve's proposed is the variable of tank depth, sizes. Status: leave language as is; Tank Washing- new language added to strengthen guideline comments.

Jesse Lassley's comments reviewed:

- a) Jesse expressed that it was not necessary to go through his submitted concerns, as they have already been covered by previous stakeholder's comments and reviewed, with the exception of one topic- slope restricted to 25% on drainfield approval sites. Discussion followed this slope topic. Status: Proposal will be sent back to the Rules Revision Work Group, that will review increasing slope to 25-35% with conditions, >35% will still require a more formal variance.

4. Discussion Wrap up- Need to review Dave Waldren's written comments. Workgroup will do this and send stakeholders their assessment. Workgroup will work with DWQ staff and draft new Draft 25 incorporating the changes agreed to during this stakeholders process, along with Walts decision on the 'Big Eight' and other decisions. This draft will be sent out to the Stakeholders by March 12, 2013.

6. Next meeting- March 26, 2013, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm